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The Honorable Louis Freeh  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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*Mr. DeLoach advised  
to specify records needed*

Dear Louis,

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My previous book, "Hoover's FBI" has proven mildly successful. Over twenty five thousand copies have been sold. The publicity has been good.

This book was not written for monetary gain or personal fame. I wrote it in an attempt to correct distortions of history concerning the FBI. While the true facts possibly made a small dent in the tabloid assertions concerning the Bureau, the truth can never catch up with the falsehoods and gossip spread by the vultures of sensationalism.

I do not feel the necessity of proving my loyalty to you or anyone in the FBI. My speeches, lectures, and writings have always been favorable, whether they were before the FBI Academy or with academic groups. My contribution to the scholarship funds for the children of our FBI agents have been consistent for many years.

I would appreciate the opportunity to write one final book. One entitled "How Presidents have abused the FBI." A number of facts in the previous book alluded briefly to abuse by Roosevelt, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

Knowing that gossip may arise reflecting that the FBI had a hand in such a book, it may seem better to make this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would hope cooperation could possibly be extended on a more informal basis. Bill Webster assisted me greatly in preparation of my last book.

If you desire, the completed manuscript can be reviewed by the FBI. Considering the fact that the book will be entirely favorable to the Bureau, you may want to avoid a connection for the record. I will leave the choice up to you.

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I am not asking for a mammoth review of files or a review of the files representing all Presidents. Merely examples of possible misuse starting with Roosevelt. I can handle the Lyndon Johnson years without any work by the Bureau.

On a personal note, I was happy to read the "USA Today" article of January 4, 2001 indicating that you would complete your ten year term as Director. This is wonderful news for the FBI, its alumni, and the entire country.

One final thought: my respect for you, the FBI, and its personnel will remain the same regardless of the nature of your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cartha D. DeLoach".

Cartha D. DeLoach

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